

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Monitoring the Environmental Clearances issued to the projects by the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authorities (SEIAAs) & District Environmental Impact Assessment Authorities (DEIAAs) of the State of Telangana – Entrusting the monitoring the conditions of Environmental Clearances and compliance to the Telangana State Pollution Control Board (TSPCB) – Accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (For.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms. No.8

Dated:8.2.2018.

Read the following:-

- Ref: 1.From the Secretary, MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi. D.O.
Lr.No.J-11013/2/2013-IA.I, dated: 7.2.2014.
2. From the Addl. PCCF (Central), MoEF&CC, R.O. (South Eastern Zone), Chennai, Letter F.No. DP/12.1/2016-17/ROSEZ/Mon.SEIAA&DEIAA/1457, dated: 12.9.2017.

ORDER:

The Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India his letter 1st read above, has stated that, as per the scheme of things under the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) deals with category 'B' projects. The Environmental Clearance letters issued by SEIAA contain a number of conditions which need to be monitored. The Ministry of Environment Forests (MoEF) has Regional Offices which monitor the conditions of Environmental Clearances granted for various projects in different sectors spread throughout the country. The Ministry of Environmental Forests & Climate Change has put in place a mechanism, through its Regional Offices, for monitoring the conditions of Environmental Clearances granted by it. The SEIAA also need to put in place an appropriate mechanism to monitor the conditions stipulated in the Environmental Clearances issued by them in respect of the projects in the State. The State Government need to help SEIAAs in putting in place of mechanism, the monitoring mechanism would essentially involve visiting the sites of various projects, verifying the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Environmental Clearances and sending the reports to the SEIAA for taking further necessary action. This monitoring work could perhaps be given to the State Pollution Control Board (including their Regional Offices) and/ or an appropriate mechanism may be put in place by the State Government in consultation with SEIAA. The monitoring mechanism may be such that it is able to regularly monitor all the projects for which Environmental Clearances have been issued by SEIAA in the State at reasonable intervals.

2. He has further stated that, in addition to the aforesaid proposed monitoring mechanism by SEIAA, it is decided that the concerned Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forests (MoEF) would also do random monitoring of the projects for which SEIAA has granted Environmental Clearances. During a year, the concerned Regional Office may do such monitoring in respect of about 10% of the average of the number of Environmental Clearances granted by SEIAA during the last three years. Such random checking would envisage covering the entire State to the extent possible and the projects in different sectors. He has therefore, requested to look into the matter and facilitate putting in place at the earliest a mechanism for monitoring of the Environmental Clearances granted by SEIAA in the State of Telangana.

(P.T.O.)

3. The Additional PCCF (Central), MoEF&CC & R.O. (SEZ) Chennai in his letter 2nd read above, has also stated that, it is observed that the Environmental Clearances accorded by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) and District Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (DEIAA) in Telangana are running into thousands now and observed that the SEIAA and DEIAA while according Environmental Clearances stipulate "the Regional Office of MoEF&CC located in Chennai shall monitor compliance of stipulated conditions," which has become really impossible for the same on its own other than monitoring on random basis. He has therefore, requested to identify the suitable agency to help SEIAAs.

4. Government after careful consideration of the request of Government of India in the letters 1st and 2nd read above, hereby appoint the Telangana State Pollution Control Board, including their Regional Offices, Hyderabad to assist the SEIAAs and DEIAAs to monitor the conditions stipulated in the ECs issued by SEIAAs and DEIAAs in respect of the projects of the Telangana State which essentially involve visiting the sites of various projects, verifying the compliance of conditions stipulated in Environmental Clearances, and sending the reports to the SEIAA, on a quarterly basis for necessary action, henceforth. The procedure of random monitoring of projects for which SEIAA/DEIAAs has granted Environmental Clearances remain as usual with the Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Chennai.

5. The Member Secretary, State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), State of Telangana Shall evolve appropriate mechanism to monitor the conditions stipulated in the Environmental Clearances to be monitored by the TSPCB. He is directed to substitute the sentence, " the Regional Office of the Ministry located at Chennai shall monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions" with " The SEIAA and DEIAA of Telangana shall monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions through the Telangana State Pollution Control Board" while issuing Environmental and /CRZ clearances.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

Dr. RAJAT KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Member Secretary, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority,
Hyderabad.
All the District Collectors in the State.
The Member Secretary, Telangana State Pollution Control Board, Hyderabad.
Copy to:
All District Member Secretaries, District Environment Impact Assessment
Authority in the State.
All Departments in the Secretariat, Telangana State.
The Director General of Police, Hyderabad.
The Metropolitan Commissioner, Hyderabad Metropolitan Development
Authority, Hyderabad.
The Secretary, Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change,
Government of India, New Delhi.
The Additional PCCF (Central), MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Chennai.
All HoDs/ Bodies under the control of Environment Forests Science &
Technology Department.
The Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department,
Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.

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The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department, Telangana Secretariat,
Hyderabad.

The Transport Roads & Buildings Department, Telangana Secretariat,
Hyderabad .

The Health Medical & Family Welfare Department, Telangana Secretariat,
Hyderabad

The Irrigation & Command Area Development Department, Telangana
Secretariat, Hyderabad.

The P.S. to Minister (F&E) .

The P.S. to Principal Secretary, EFS&T Deptt.,

The P.A. to Spl. Secretary (FAC), EFS&T Deptt.,
SF & SC.

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